

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning in the Specification at page 6 / Line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

Applicants' invention includes a method to coordinate multiple information storage and retrieval systems. FIG. 2 summarizes the steps in Applicants' method. Referring now to FIG. 2, in step 205 Applicants' method provides a plurality of controllers and one or more interconnected information storage and retrieval systems, wherein each of those information storage and retrieval systems includes one or more controllers. In the illustrated embodiments of FIGs. 3 and 4, host computer 390 is interconnected with each of information storage and retrieval systems 301, 331, and 361, via communication link 398.